

Director, Water, U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior; Dan Ayres, Coastal Shellfish Lead Biologist, Department of Fish and Wildlife, State of Washington; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—COAST GUARD AND FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION BUDGET REQUESTS; COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held an oversight hearing on the Administration's Fiscal Year 2004 Budgets for the U.S. Coast Guard and the Federal Maritime Commission. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security: Adm. Thomas H. Collins, USCG, Commandant; and Master Chief Franklin A. Welch, USCG, Master Chief Petty Officer; and Steven Blust, Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission.

Prior to the hearing, the Subcommittee met for organizational purposes.

OVERSIGHT—FEDERAL HIGHWAY AND TRANSIT PROGRAMS REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Highways, Transit and Pipelines held an oversight hearing on Reauthorization of Federal Highway and Transit Programs: What are the needs, and how to meet those needs. Testimony was heard from Tim Martin, Secretary, Department of Transportation, State of Illinois; and public witnesses.

SOCIAL SECURITY PROTECTION ACT

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 743, Social Security Protection Act of 2003.

HOT SPOTS BRIEFING

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Intelligence Policy and National Security met in executive session to receive a briefing on Hot Spots. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

FUTURE IMAGERY ARCHITECTURE PROGRAM

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Technical and Tactical Intelligence met in executive session to hold a hearing on Future Imagery Architecture Program. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 2003

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to hold hearings to examine the posture of U.S. Joint Forces Command and the role of joint experimentation in force transformation, in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2004, 9:30 a.m., SR-22.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD Week of March 17 through March 22, 2003

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at 2 p.m., Senate expects to begin consideration of the First Concurrent Budget Resolution.

On *Tuesday*, Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Miguel A. Estrada, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, with a vote to occur on the motion to invoke cloture.

During the balance of the week, Senate expects to continue consideration of the First Concurrent Budget Resolution, and may consider any other cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: March 20, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Vernon Bernard Parker, of Arizona, to be an Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, 10:30 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Appropriations: March 18, Subcommittee on Military Construction, to hold hearings to examine Base Realignment and Closure, 10 a.m., SD-138.

March 19, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine, 10 a.m., SD-192.

March 20, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, to hold hearings to examine the President's budget request for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Commerce, 10 a.m., S-146, Capitol.

March 20, Subcommittee on Interior, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Agriculture Forest Service, 10 a.m., SD-124.

Committee on Armed Services: March 18, to hold hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Defense for ballistic missile defense, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

March 19, Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Defense for acquisition policy and outsourcing issues, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

March 19, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Defense for strategic forces and policy, 2:30 p.m., SR-232A.

March 19, Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Defense for the National Guard and Reserve military and civilian personnel programs, 3 p.m., SH-216.

March 20, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Defense for atomic energy defense activities of the Department of Energy, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

March 20, Subcommittee on SeaPower, to hold hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Defense for the U.S. Transportation Command, 2:30 p.m., SR-232A.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: March 18, to hold hearings to examine proposals to regulate illegal Internet gambling, 10 a.m., SD-538.

March 20, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine issues related to the Department of Housing and Urban Development's proposed rule on the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: March 20, to hold hearings to examine the Space Shuttle Colombia, focusing on the future of space policy, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: March 18, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Water, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget for fiscal year 2004 for the Fish and Wildlife Service, 10 a.m., SD-406.

March 20, Subcommittee on Clean Air, Climate Change, and Nuclear Safety, to hold hearings to examine proposed legislation amending the Clean Air Act regarding fuel additives and renewable fuels, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: March 18, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Mark W. Everson, of Texas, to be Commissioner of Internal Revenue, 10 a.m., SD-219.

Committee on Foreign Relations: March 18, to hold hearings to examine the war on terrorism, focusing on diplomacy issues, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

March 18, Full Committee, to hold a closed briefing to examine the current hostage situation in Colombia, 4 p.m., S-407, Capitol.

March 19, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine nonproliferation issues, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

March 19, Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the effects and consequences of an emerging China, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

March 20, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

March 20, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine how to make embassies safer in areas of conflict, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: March 20, to hold hearings to examine possible terrorist threats on cargo containers, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: March 19, business meeting to consider S. 15, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the payment of compensation for certain individuals with injuries resulting from the administration of smallpox countermeasures, to provide protections and countermeasures against chemical, radiological, or nuclear agents that may be used in a terrorist attack against the United States, and to improve immunization rates by increasing the distribution of vaccines and improving and clarifying the vaccine injury compensation program, proposed legislation entitled "Lifespan Respite Care Act", "Pediatric Drugs Research Authority", "Caring for Children Act of 2003", "Genetics Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2003", and pending nominations, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Indian Affairs: March 19, to hold hearings to examine S. 424, to establish, reauthorize, and improve energy programs relating to Indian tribes, and S. 522, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 1992 to assist Indian tribes in developing energy resources, 10 a.m., SR-485.

Committee on the Judiciary: March 19, to hold hearings to examine ethical regenerative medicine research and human reproductive cloning, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Rules and Administration: March 19, to hold oversight hearings to examine the operations of the Secretary of the Senate and the Architect of the Capitol, 9:30 a.m., SR-301.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: March 18, to hold hearings to examine the practice of contract bundling in federal agency procurement, focusing on the loss of federal jobs in small business, 9:30 a.m., SR-428A.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: March 20, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine legislative presentations of AMVETS, American Ex-Prisoners of War, the Vietnam Veterans of America, the Military Officers Association of America, and the National Association of State Directors of Veterans' Affairs, 10 a.m., 345 Cannon Building.

Select Committee on Intelligence: March 18, to hold closed hearings to examine intelligence matters, 10 a.m., SH-219.

Special Committee on Aging: March 20, to hold hearings to examine Medicare, focusing on prescription drugs, 10:30 a.m., SD-562.

House Chamber

To be announced.

House Committees

Committee on Appropriations: March 19, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and related Agencies, on Rural Development, 9:30 a.m., 2362A Rayburn.

March 19, Subcommittee on Defense, executive, on Fiscal Year 2004 National Foreign Intelligence Program, 10 a.m., H-405 Capitol, and on Fiscal Year 2004 Air Force Budget Overview, 1:30 p.m., 2362A Rayburn.

March 19, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, executive, on Department of Energy: National Nuclear Security Administration, 10 a.m., 2362B Rayburn.

March 19, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs, on Secretary of the Treasury, 2 p.m., H-144 Capitol.

March 19, Subcommittee on Interior, on National Park Service, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

March 19, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on Department of Education Panel: "Vocational, Adult and Postsecondary Education" programs, 10:15 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 19, Subcommittee on Transportation and Treasury, and Independent Agencies, on Director, Office of Management and Budget, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 19, Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies, on Department of Housing and Urban Development, 10 a.m., and 1:30 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 20, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies, on Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services, 9:30 a.m., 2362A Rayburn.

March 20, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, and State and The Judiciary, and Related Agencies, on Secretary of State, 10 a.m., and on DEA and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, 2 p.m., 2258 Rayburn.

March 20, Subcommittee on Defense, on Fiscal Year 2004 Navy/Marine Corps Budget Overview, 9:30 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

March 20, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, on Department of Energy: Nuclear Waste Management and Disposal, 10 a.m., 2362B Rayburn.

March 20, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on Secretary of Homeland Security, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 20, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on Secretary of Health and Human Services, 10:15 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 20, Subcommittee on Military Construction, on European Command Military Construction, 10 a.m., B-300 Rayburn.

March 20, Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies, on Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation, 10 a.m., and on Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, 11 a.m., H-143 Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services, March 18, Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing on the state of military readiness and review of the fiscal year 2004 fiscal year defense authorization budget request, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 18, and 20, Subcommittee on Readiness, hearings on the state of military readiness and review of the fiscal year 2004 Defense Authorization budget request, 4 p.m., on March 18 and 3 p.m., on March 20, 2118 Rayburn.

March 19, full Committee, hearing on U.S.-France security relations, and H.R. 1023, to prohibit through the period ending December 21, 2007, any Department of Defense participation in any International aviation trade exhibition (known as an "air show") to be held, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 19, Subcommittee on Projection Force, hearing on U.S. Transportation Command's airlift and sealift programs, 5 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

March 19, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing on space programs in the fiscal year 2004 national defense authorization budget request, 5 p.m., 2216 Rayburn.

March 19, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities, hearing on Department of Defense efforts to address the chemical and biological threat, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 19, Subcommittee on Total Force, hearing on hearing on domestic violence, Joint Officer Management and education reform, employer support of the Guard and Reserve, Reserve pay and benefits, and Department of Defense Active and Reserve Components Force Mix Study, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

March 20, full Committee, to continue hearings on 2004 fiscal year defense authorization budget request, with emphasis on Ballistic Missile Defense Programs, 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 20, Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, hearing on the fiscal year 2004 national defense authorization budget request, 11:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, March 18, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "A Review of NRC's Proposed Security Requirements for Nuclear Power Plants," 3 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

March 19, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and consumer Protection, hearing entitled "Does the U.S. Olympic Committee's Organizational Structure Impede its Mission?" 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, March 18, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigation, hearing entitled "Paying Dividends: How the President's Tax Plan Will Benefit Individual Investors and Strengthen the Capital Markets," 3 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

March 19, full Committee, hearing on the state of the international financial system, IMF reform, and compliance with IMF agreements, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

March 19, Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade, and Technology, hearing and markup of the Defense Production Act Reauthorization of 2003, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, March 20, Subcommittee on East Asia and the Pacific, hearing on the U.S. and South Asia: Challenges and Opportunities for American policy, 1 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, March 19, oversight hearing on Enhancing America's Energy Security, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

March 19, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, oversight hearing on the Administration's Fiscal Year budget requests for NOAA and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Small Business, March 20, hearing entitled "Changes to SBA Financing Programs Needed for Revitalization of Small Manufacturers," 9:30 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, March 19, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management, to mark up the following: Fiscal Year GSA lease resolutions; two GSA amending resolutions; H.R. 281, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 200 West 2nd Street in Dayton, Ohio, as the "Tony Hall Federal Building and United States Courthouse;" H. Con. Res. 53, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby; a resolution regarding the 22nd National Peace Officers Memorial Service; and other pending business, 10 a.m., 2253 Rayburn.

March 19, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing on Meeting the Nation's Wastewater Infrastructure Needs, 1 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

March 20, Subcommittee on Aviation, to consider a motion to go into executive session to hold a hearing on

Protecting Commercial Aircraft from the Threat of Missile Attacks, 9:30 a.m., 2253 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, March 19, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on the availability and eligibility for pharmaceutical services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, March 20, Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearing to Review State Use of Federal Unemployment Funds, 1 p.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Joint Meetings: March 20, Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine legislative presentations of AMVETS, American Ex-Prisoners of War, the Vietnam Veterans of America, the Military Officers Association of America, and the National Association of State Directors of Veterans' Affairs, 10 a.m., 345 Cannon Building.